

BLYTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.



Gothic House,
Halesworth.
3rd. September, 1942.

Interim Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year ended 31st December, 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the Blyth Rural District Council.

My Lord, My Ladies and Gentlemen,

As before, the Minister of Health requires that an interim report only should be made for the year 1941 and that arrangements should be made to preserve vital statistics and other records.

There were 181 cases of Whooping Cough and 326 of Measles notified during the year. The epidemic of Measles was mainly in and around Framlingham. Several cases of Scarlet Fever occurred at Framlingham College and necessitated the taking of precautionary measures in co-operation with the Medical Officer of the School.

The first campaign of Diphtheria Immunisation was carried out during the year and met with an enthusiastic response in most places. Some 60% of children under 5 years were treated and about 75% of those between 5 and 15. No Schick tests were carried out to check the results. The County Council co-operated in the campaign through District Nurses, School Nurses, Clerical staff and the use of the schools. Teachers throughout the district were most helpful.

The only public water supply which was required to be chlorinated was that at Framlingham. This was started on the 4th of June, 1941.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

W.M. BURNS.

Medical Officer of Health.

